

They worked with the Communipaw Avenue Block Association and the Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy to restore the historical Rev. Dr. F. Webb Park, and they are a member of the Communipaw Avenue Block Association and Garden Club. They have developed a Spiritual and Social Plan dealing with fair housing, financial problems, and other neighborhood matters. They have been active in the Morris Canal Redevelopment Area Development Coalition Plans and have planted trees in local parks.

St. John AME Church has developed a Voter Education and Registration Project and Database, and is building a Community and Cultural Center for Senior Citizens and Youth. They have an Uplifting the Brotherhood of Men Ministry for fathers and their children, a cell phone ministry for battered women, an Outreach Golden Senior Citizen ministry, and are a member of the Today I Must Excel (TIME) program for Inner City families and youth.

They have a DSL computer lab for children and have developed an Adult and Youth Job Training Center. Every year they hold a Health Fair addressing minority health matters, an October Harvest Feast for Community Youth and their families, and a Profound Black Leaders Lecture Series.

Under the leadership of Rev. Charles W. McNeill, Jr., these outstanding citizens continue to fulfill the legacy of community service that St. John AME Church has exemplified for the last 60 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me as I recognize these men and women who are dedicated to making our community a better place, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in sending our best wishes for many, many more years of service and ministry.

IN RECOGNITION OF BERNARD BARUCH HOUSES' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Bernard Baruch Houses Tenant Association located in the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

As the largest New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) development in Manhattan—Bernard Baruch Houses provides homes for over 2,000 residents in our city. They also offer amenities that serve nearly 200 senior citizens and disabled residents.

The Bernard Baruch Houses Tenant Association is a well-known presence in our community, and continues its work to strengthen ties with its residents on a daily basis. This association truly exemplifies neighborhood cooperation, enhancing the opportunity for each and every New Yorker to live in a safe, affordable home.

The Bernard Baruch Houses has been instrumental in providing families throughout New York City with reliable and responsible services. Their buildings have served our city's families, elderly and disabled for the past 50 years.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bernard Baruch Houses Tenant Association

on their 50th anniversary, and join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize their service within the New York City community.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the National Week of Action for Immigrant Rights. Scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2004, through Sunday, September 26, 2004, hundreds of community activists will mark the National Week of Action by holding rallies, visiting Congressional offices, and hosting educational events throughout the United States to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the historic Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride and highlight the need for comprehensive immigration reform.

It has been nearly one year since hundreds of immigrant workers and their supporters traveled throughout the United States as part of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride. Modeled after the Freedom Rides of the 1960's, the 2003 Freedom Riders raised awareness about the unjust realities of our current immigration policies and urged fair treatment of immigrant workers. I was proud to introduce House Resolution 384, cosponsored by fifty of my colleagues, to honor the Freedom Riders for their courageous campaign and to encourage President Bush and Congress to enact policies that support the goals of the Freedom Ride.

This year's National Week of Action will highlight again the need to reform our broken immigration system. Advocates will urge passage of H.R. 4262, the Safe, Orderly Legal Visas and Enforcement (SOLVE) Act, H.R. 3142, the Agricultural Job Opportunity, Benefits and Security (AGJOBS) Act, and other legislation which would fix our immigration system while honoring our tradition as a nation of immigrants and strengthening our national security.

The National Week of Action includes a fast by students and supporters to highlight the need for passage of S. 1545, the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, and H.R. 1684, the Student Adjustment Act. I am a proud original cosponsor of H.R. 1684, bipartisan legislation to open the doors of higher education to immigrant students who work hard and deserve the opportunity to attend college and pursue the American dream.

Throughout our nation's history, we have welcomed immigrants to this country. We should continue to honor this tradition and recognize the enormous economic and cultural contributions that immigrants have made to our nation.

I commend the New American Opportunity Campaign (NAOC) for spearheading the National Week of Action and honor the commitment of its supporters to ensure equal rights for all people. I encourage my colleagues and the American public to use the National Week of Action to learn more about our immigrant community and the need for reform of our immigration system.

IN HONOR OF MRS. KAREN COOPER'S 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR SOLDIERS AND OUR NATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Karen A. Cooper consistently displayed outstanding service to this Nation as she served the United States Army for over forty years. Her distinguished public service began in 1964. Mrs. Cooper will end her dedicated service to the United States in 2004 as the Administrative Assistant for the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Housing). Her insight and grasp of administrative procedures and knowledge of her job enabled her to insure the successful completion of all tasks with the United States Army Secretariat. Through Mrs. Cooper's diligence and exceptionally high degree of professionalism and technical abilities, she made a marked improvement in Army installations for soldiers, Army families, and civilian employees.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDERNESS ACT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of an historic piece of legislation, the Wilderness Act, which was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on September 3, 1964. Since the Act's inception, over 105 million acres of our collective natural heritage has been protected under the wilderness designation.

This week, as we take time to recognize the accomplishments of the Wilderness Act, we must also recognize the work that has yet to be done. Throughout the nation, there are many more wilderness areas that have yet to fall under the full protection of the Wilderness Act—places like the Arctic Coastal Plain, Utah's Redrocks wilderness, and the Northern California Coastal wilderness.

We must continue our efforts to safeguard these existing natural habitats from human exploitation and development in order to protect threatened and endangered species and to ensure the long-term health and vitality of the entire ecosystem.

And I believe that as a global community, we must quickly recognize the dramatic impact that human development has made on our natural environment and work to reduce the human footprint that we leave behind on the world.

IN HONOR OF HERBERT JULES FRIEDMAN

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Herbert Jules Friedman, a man who